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SUBJECT: TINDEMANS ELABORATES ON WISEMAN REPORT

1. PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS GAVE BACKGROUND TALK TO MID-ATLANTIC CLUB JANUARY 21 EXPLAINING AND ELBAORATING TO SOME EXTENT ON HIS WISEMAN REPORT TO EUROPEAN COUNCIL. SPEAKING FROM NOTES,HE GAVE A STRAIGHTFORWARD RUNDOWN OF CONTENTS OF HIS REPORT WITH OCCASIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS ON HOW HE CAME TO CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS.

2. UNDER LATTER HEADING HE DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE PROBLEM OF EC'S PROBLEM OF NEAR-PARALYSIS IN DECISION-MAKING TO JEAN MONNET. HE SAID THAT MONNET -- ACKNOWLEDGING AS TINDEMANS DID THAT EC COMMISSION HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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SHRUNK IN AUTHORITY AND DECISION-MAKING ABILITY AS

COMPARED TO EARLY DAYS OF EEC -- URGED TINDEMANS TO CALL UPON EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO TAKE ON A POLICY-DEFINING ROLE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

3. TINDEMANS MADE CLEAR HE REGARDS ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS AND CONCERTED POLICIES AS EC'S PRIMARY NEED IN ITS CURRENT "CRISIS." PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE THIS ABILITY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF HIS REPORT, HE BELIEVES. HE SAID HIS IDEAS -- SUCH AS DESIGNATING FOREIGN MINISTERS IN EACH MEMBER GOVERNMENT TO INSURE THAT GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF EC MATTERS ARE COORDINATED AND INTERNALLY CONSISTENT -- ARE NOT CONCEIVED AS FINAL SOLUTIONS BUT AS AD HOC MEASURES TO GET EC OUT OF ITS PRESENT DOLDRUMS. HE SAID EC WILL NEED IN TEN YEARS OR SO ANOTHER "WISEMAN" REPORT, PERHAPS THE DEFINITIVE BLUEPRINT FOR A TRUE EUROPEAN UNION.

4. IN BRIEF QUESTION PERIOD TINDEMANS WAS ASKED WHY HE PROPOSED THAT A GOVERNMENT HEAD BE DESIGNATED TO CONDUCT A DIALOGUE WITH USG ON BEHALF OF EC. WEREN'T EC REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON AND USEC ALREADY THERE TO DO THE JOB? TINDEMANS SAID THAT US AND EC NATIONS WERE FRIENDS, ALLIES "AND SOMETIMES COMPETITORS." IT WAS NECESSARY THAT A US-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE BE CARRIED OUT AND THIS REQUIRED ON THE EUROPEAN SIDE THAT IT HAVE SOMEONE TO SPEAK WITH POLITICAL AUTHORITY -- " SOMEONE LIKE THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE OR GREAT BRITAIN."

5. HE SAID: " IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING FOR AN IMPORTANT EUROPEAN POLITICIAN... TO GO AND SEE ON WHAT BASIS THE US-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP COULD BE ESTABLISHED. THE EXISTING REPRESENTATIONS YOU MENTIONED CANNOT SPEAK POLITICALLY. WE NEED A REPRESENTATIVE WHO CAN SPEAK TO PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS AN EQUAL." FIRESTONE

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